**KILGETTY, BEGELLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (KBCC)**

Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council held at Kilgetty-Begelly Community Centre, Kilgetty at 7.00pm.

Thursday 26 April 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:**

Cllr Diane Lockley (Chair)

Cllr Janet Ward (Vice-chair)

Cllr Peter Adams

Cllr David Anderson

Cllr Christopher Ebrey

Cllr Brenda Jones

Cllr Jayne Palmer

Cllr Sandra Smith

Cllr Gavin Thomas

Cllr John Whitby

Cllr Josephine Woodgate

Ian Morris (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

County Cllr David Pugh was also in attendance.

**1. Apologies.**

None.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**3. To consider and approve: i) Long Term Improvement Plan for Kilgetty Play Area and ii) Future development of The Common, Kilgetty, including use of KBCC Reserves.**

Cllr Anderson provided some background on the development of the play area in Kilgetty and on some of the problems encountered with fencing, equipment and the land since its establishment, around 8 years ago.

Cllr Palmer reported upon some research work she had undertaken on a company that provided and installed steel play equipment. This equipment was also accessible for disabled children. Members were shown an example of the type of equipment that the company provided.

Members discussed the condition of the ground at the play area and Cllr Thomas confirmed that the ground had a clay base and so drainage was an issue.

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Cllr Ward wondered if the play area could be re-sited nearer to the car park and toilets. Members noted that the existing location was chosen as it was deemed more visible and therefore safer for young children to play and would be less prone to vandalism.

In respect of new play equipment, councillors discussed some options and the need to consult children at Stepaside School, for views on their preferences. Cllr Ebrey agreed to contact the head teacher, Paul Harries.

Cllr Lockley said that Full Council needed to agree on the site of the play area(s). Cllr Adams proposed that KBCC look at developing two areas; a teenagers’ play area (possibly utilising the existing play area) and a younger childrens’ play area (using part of The Common nearer to the Community Centre). Seconded by Cllr Ward. Vote taken – all in favour.

Members further discussed options for the play areas and the condition of the ground at both locations. Members thought that local volunteers would help in clearing vegetation although County Cllr Pugh warned that some Japanese Knotweed might remain in some areas. Cllr Thomas highlighted the demographics of Kilgetty and Begelly wards and reminded Members that any project(s) needed to focus on support for all ages of the community.

Cllr Lockley suggested that a sub-committee of KBCC be formed to take forward this work. This committee would need to look at;

1. developing an action plan;
2. timescales;
3. a ‘wish-list’ of equipment and likely costs and
4. possibly co-ordinating a community volunteer programme for this work.

Close working with members of Begelly-Kilgetty Community Association was also vital. Members agreed that the sub-committee should also look at future plans for The Common, including improvement of the pathways around the Trim Trail.

Cllrs Peter Adams, Christopher Ebrey, Jayne Palmer, Janet Ward and John Whitby agreed to form the membership of this sub committee.

Cllr Lockley asked that the sub committee report back on progress to each meeting of Full Council.

**4. Emergency Items**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

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